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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax



Business NEWS



'Scout on the Circle' Brings More Residences to East Fairfax

Fairfax Circle will gain new commercial residential space with the redevelopment of Fairfax Circle Plaza Shopping Center. A mixed-use development including 88,000 square feet of commercial space and 400 apartment units (pictured, above) will replace the aging shopping center. The commercial space will be anchored by a grocery store.

Scout on the Circle will be located where Fairfax Boulevard meets Pickett Road, across from the Foxcroft Colony condominium community. The property also will provide pedestrian-friendly plazas and landscapes, as well as parking garages. Construction of the mixed-use development is expected to begin in 2016, with an estimated completion date in 2018. Information: 703-385-7930.

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If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Find Out How to Lower Energy Costs with 'Solarize City of Fairfax' Informational Meetings Set for April 11, May 2

Adding solar power to a residence is easier and more affordable than expected. Learn how to lower home energy costs and see if solar power is an option for your home with Solarize City of Fairfax.

From March 15 through May 15, Solarize City of Fairfax will provide free home energy efficiency check-ups and solar site assessments; discount pricing through bulk purchasing; project facilitation and qualified installation; and information on financing and federal tax incentive options.

Eligible single-family homes and townhouses must have been constructed prior to 2010 and receive service by Virginia Dominion Power. Virginia law permits homeowner associations "reasonable restrictions" such as size, place and manner of placement, but may not outright restrict the installation of a solar power system.



SOLARIZENOVA
City of Fairfax

Interested residents are encouraged to attend a community meeting on the project. Two are scheduled: at 6 p.m. April 11 at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway; and 6 p.m. May 2 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

This grassroots, community-based outreach initiative is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), in partnership with the city. Information: 703-385-7930, www.SolarizeCityofFairfax.org.



**Discussion continues
on the proposed
city budget for
fiscal year 2016-17
— see page 4.**

New City Law Requires Cyclists, Passengers Age 14 and Younger to Wear Protective Helmets

Children's safety is important to the city, and now it's also the law. A new ordinance requires children age 14 and younger to wear protective helmets when riding or being carried on a bicycle or an electric power-assisted bicycle on highways, sidewalks, and public bicycle paths in the city.

The purpose of the new law is to protect children against devastating injuries, including head injuries. City Code requires the protective helmet meet the Consumer Product Safety Commission standard.

This ordinance is similar to laws al-

ready enacted in a number of other Virginia jurisdictions and reinforces a practice many parents and guardians already implement in their own households.

The police department will continue to focus on bicycle safety campaigns and cyclist education. City Code permits the police department to issue violations that carry a \$25 fine; however, fines will be suspended for those receiving their first violation and for those who purchase or otherwise acquire helmets of the type required within the prescribed period of time. *Information:* 703-385-7925.

2015 Business Recycling Report Due March 1

City business owners are asked to electronically submit their annual business recycling report to the city through March 1 using a form on the city website. The report must be completed online. *Information:* 703-385-7837.

The report details actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials provided by the business' recycling vendors.

Commercial property owners who provide recycling services for their tenants must submit the information on behalf of those tenants.

Business owners who have received permission from the city to use the city's recycling center (at 3410 Pickett Road) for this purpose must submit a report with an estimate of their recycling amounts.

Home-based business owners do not submit reports; their refuse already is included in the city's annual municipal recycling report.



Emergency Preparedness Forum Held March 15

Share ideas on emergency preparedness at a monthly public forum, the next of which will be held at 7 p.m. March 15 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM).



Exchange ideas and find out how the city can help with that preparation. Light refreshments will be served.

OEM holds the forum on the third Tuesday each month.

Information: 703-385-4856.

Two City Apartment Communities Recognized for Being 'Commuter-Friendly'

Two rental apartment communities in the City of Fairfax have been awarded Silver

Levels in the Commuter Friendly Communities Program: Eaves at Fairfax (10608 Kitty Pozer Drive) and Fairfax Square Apartments (9860 Fairfax Boulevard).

Commuter Friendly Communities, a program developed in partnership between the City of Fairfax Transportation Division and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, recognizes communities that have gone the extra mile to provide their tenants material or facilities which provide them alternate modes of transportation to their desired destinations. *Information:* 703-385-7889.

Both residential communities were recognized for "going to great lengths to both supply new residents with local transit information, as well as maintaining a stock of commuter information available to residents."

Silver level recognition is for communities that, among their transportation-friendly efforts:

- Provide designated carpools, vanpools, and car-sharing vehicles to pick up/drop off zone.
- Are bike- and/or pedestrian-friendly.
- Feature transit information display cases in the community.



THE COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION SOLUTION

SafeAssured ID Kits Available by Appointment March 19

The City of Fairfax Police Department, in conjunction with the Optimist Club of Fairfax, will offer SafeAssured identification kits for children from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 19 at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Parents will receive a full-color photo ID and a mini-CD that contains digital fingerprints, a digital photo, video, a general physical description, vital personal information, and a family code word.

Encrypted private information can be

accessed only by law enforcement personnel.

SafeAssured ID kits are free, but an appointment is required. *Information:* *police.information@fairfaxva.gov*, 703-385-7925.

Real Estate Tax Relief, Rent Relief Available for Qualified City Residents

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rent relief for senior citizens and city residents with permanent and total disabilities.

Applications for these programs are available from the Finance Department and must be submitted by April 15. *Information:* 703-359-2486.

Different types of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income. Qualified homeowners may choose *basic tax relief* (full or partial tax relief), *tax deferral*, *tax freeze*; or *combination tax freeze and deferral*.

Virginia offers a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens or renters with permanent and total disabilities.

PETA Hails Fire Department for Milo's Rescue

City of Fairfax firefighters were on hand — and in the freezing water — to save Milo, a 5-year-old Saint Bernard who fell through the ice January 23 at Woodglan Lake in Fairfax Station.

The rescue drew attention nationwide, and rescue personnel who responded to the call were recognized by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) with its Compassionate Fire Department Award.

Rescue crews, in turn, praised Milo's family for calling emergency services, rather than attempting the rescue (and risk becoming part of the rescue mission themselves).



City's Real Property Tax Base Increases 2.13 Percent in 2016

The city's real property tax base is projected to increase by about 2.13 percent for 2016.

Equalization makes up 1.69 percent of this increase, while 0.44 percent is attributable to growth and new construction. This increase reflects improved market conditions in the residential sector, as well as a commercial sector that is only up slightly overall.

Real estate assessment notices, which will be mailed in early March, will reflect an overall projected increase of about \$120 million in assessed value.

Residential assessments, which constitute roughly 64 percent of all assessments, will increase by about 2.19 percent overall not including growth and new construction. Existing single-family property assessments are expected to increase 2.2 percent on average, ranging from 0 to +9 percent depending on the neighborhood. Residential condominiums are expected to increase 3 percent on average, ranging from 0 to +10 percent. Townhomes are expected to increase 1.9 percent on average, ranging from -4 percent to +6 percent.

Overall, commercial real estate assessments, which constitute roughly 36 percent of all assessments, are projected to increase

0.81 percent, not including growth and new construction. Average assessments will decline for free-standing office buildings (-1 percent) and commercial condominiums (-2 percent), while other property types will increase including retail (+3 percent), industrial flex/warehouse (+3 percent), and multi-family (+3 percent). Vacant commercial land is projected to remain level with 2015.

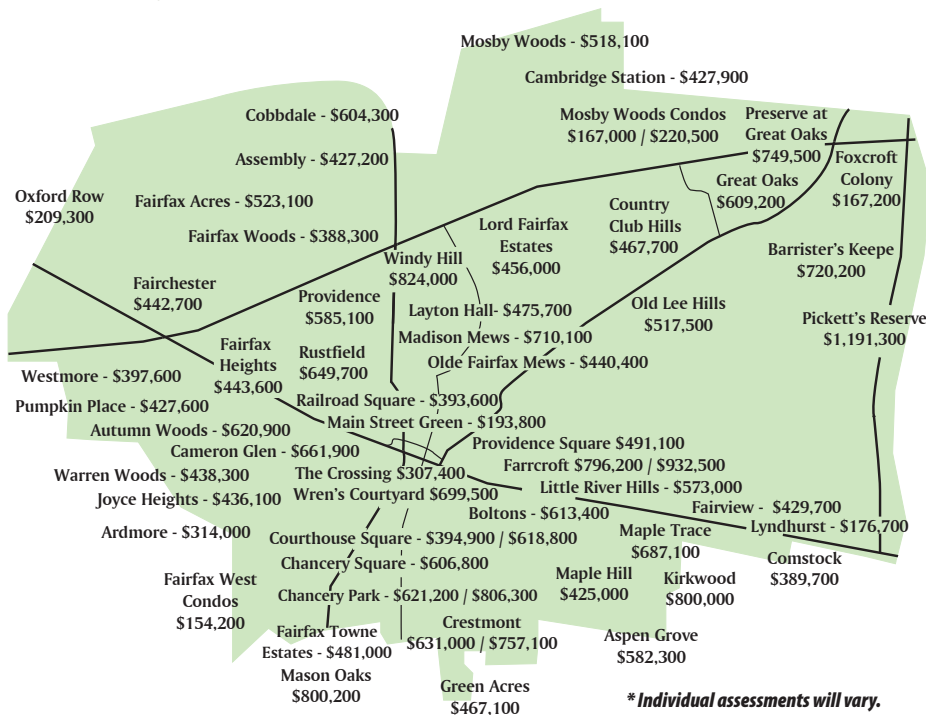
Commercial and residential development, newly constructed homes, and residential and commercial renovations have added an estimated \$25 million to the property tax base for 2016.

Revenues projected from real estate assessments are central to the city's annual budget. The City Council will set the 2016 tax rate during the budget process. The tax rate determines the amount of real estate taxes paid for the calendar year.

Real estate assessments, made each year, are effective January 1. Virginia law requires the assessed value of real property reasonably reflect fair market value as indicated by recent sales, and that it be equitable with the assessments placed on comparable properties.

The city website has real estate assessment and sales information, appeal forms, instructions, and more. Information: 703-385-7840.

2016 Projected Average Residential Assessments*



Document Shredding Event Held March 19

City residents are invited to participate for free in Fairfax County's document shredding event from 8 a.m. to noon March 19 at Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. Residents may bring up to five medium-sized boxes for shredding.

Events are held through October at different locations in Fairfax County. *Information:* 703-324-5230.

2016 Spring Cleanup Day Set for April 30

April is Fairfax's Spring Cleanup Month, and the city provides services to assist with spring cleaning — including Spring Cleanup Day, where individuals or groups choose a neighborhood or public area to clean. The city provides trash bags and collects the used ones on Spring Cleanup Day, which this year is April 30.

Choose a park, roadside, creek bed, historic property or other area that needs your attention. Be sure to obtain permission from the property owners, such as the city or community association.

Recycling Bins, Solid Waste Services Guide Available

City residents who receive city curbside recycling service may request recycling bins for this purpose, and may request city refuse and recycling information (also available on the city website). Information: RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7837.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837



Presidential Primary Elections to be Held March 1

On March 1, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the Republican and Democratic Presidential Primary Elections. The State Board of Elections has rescinded the Republican statement of affiliation requirement.

Results will be posted on Cityscreen-12 when they are available after polls close, and a link to results will be posted on the city website. Information: 703-385-7890.

Stay Informed During The Election Year

Voters (and future voters) should stay informed and get ready this busy election season. Upcoming elections include the Presidential Primary Elections March 1, City of Fairfax Election May 3, Primary Election June 14 (if held), and Presidential Election November 8. Information: 703-385-7890.

Register to vote or confirm current registration with the Virginia Department of Elections online at elections.virginia.gov or visit the General Registrar's Office adjacent to City Hall. Virginia DMV also accepts voter registration applications. The deadline to register for the City of Fairfax Election in May is April 11.

Update address changes promptly: voter registration is tied to a voter's address. Prompt updates help ensure voters can cast their ballots on Election Day.

Registered voters who change their names also should update their voter information. While a name change alone would not disqualify voters at the polls, having current information makes for a quicker voting experience. Virginia is a non-declarative state that does not register by party.

Voters will use paper ballots at the polls. The recent change is due to the previously-used machines being decertified by the State Board of Elections after they reached the end of their functional lifespan. Currently, all voting systems available for purchase in Virginia are paper-based.

Voters cast their ballots at a particular location: check your voting card, check online at elections.virginia.gov, or call 703-385-7890.

Budget Process Continues With Public Outreach, Hearings

All members of the Fairfax community are encouraged to participate in the process to review and adopt the city budget for the next fiscal year. The City Council will hold a community outreach event during its March 1 work session, and participation is encouraged throughout the process (*see schedule, right*).

Copies of the proposed budget are available on the city website. Print copies are available upon request. **Information:** 703-385-7870.

City Council Budget Review Schedule

March 1: Staff presentations to City Council and community outreach
March 8: public hearing; maximum real estate tax rate to be advertised
March 22: public hearing; work session
April 5: work session
April 12: introduction of rates for commercial and industrial property tax, wastewater; real estate tax rate public hearing
April 19: work session
April 27: public hearing; budget adoption

Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and televised on Cityscreen-12; see page 5 for schedule, viewing information. Schedule subject to change.

Fairfax Cares: Gather at Lanier April 30 to Pack Meals for City Students and Families

Join the community effort to end childhood hunger in the City of Fairfax by participating in Fairfax Cares to pack 10,000 meals April 30. At Fairfax Cares, 350 volunteers from 9:30 a.m. to noon April 30 at Sidney Lanier Middle School, 3810 Jermentown Road, will pack 10,000 individual meals.

These ready-to-cook meals will be distributed among the city's four public schools, to be given to students' families as needed. Fairfax Cares is co-hosted by the City of Fairfax Schools, Honorary Chairman Councilmember Jeff Greenfield and non-profit organization Generosity Feeds.

Volunteers of all ages may pack meals; children participating must be supervised by an adult at all times. To volunteer, please pre-register: visit www.GenerosityFeeds.org

and click on "find an event."

Fairfax Cares also seeks corporate and business sponsorships for the event. Many levels of sponsorship are available, and all financial contributions are welcome and will be recognized. Ourisman Fairfax Toyota is the Platinum Sponsor for the event. Information: 703-385-7911.

The need is real. In the City of Fairfax, 32 percent of children in city public schools are on free or reduced meal program, and 14 percent of children in the city are food insecure, lacking access to adequate food.

To support its ongoing child hunger initiative, the City of Fairfax website lists local non-profit organizations that seek contributions and volunteer efforts year-round. Information: 703-385-7894.



Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Building Code Appeals (one vacancy for electrician — city residency preferred)
- Commission on the Arts (two vacancies: city resident and city business person)
- Environmental Sustainability Committee (one vacancy)
- Planning Commission (two vacancies)

*Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. **Information:** 703-385-7935.*



CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

Where to Find Cityscreen-12

- Verizon FiOS: Channel 12
- Cox Communication:
 - Channel 12 (with converter box)
 - Channel 38.7 or channel 38.12 (without converter box)
- City website

Election Results

Results from the March 1 Democratic and Republican Presidential Primary Elections will be posted as the precincts report. Polls close at 7 pm.

The Fairfax Scene

Through March 14, enjoy highlights from the 2016 Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Beginning March 15, watch the reenactment of Mosby's Raid on Fairfax Court House, followed by the Mosby Symposium that was held on March 9, 2013.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm

Archived online: "special programming"
Available on city's YouTube channel

Road to Recovery

Series produced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/
replays are not scheduled.

Encore!

Encore musical performance, 4 pm daily.

City Council

 Tuesday, March 1, 7 pm, LIVE
replays:

Wednesday, March 2, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, March 4, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, March 5, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, March 6, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 2

 Tuesday, March 8, 7 pm, LIVE
replays:

Wednesday, March 9, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, March 11, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, March 12, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, March 13, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 9

 Tuesday, March 22, 7 pm, LIVE
replays:

Wednesday, March 23, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, March 25, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, March 26, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, March 27, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 23


School Board

 Monday, March 7, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays:

Tuesday, March 8, 10 am

Thursday, March 10, 10 am, 7 pm
Monday, March 21, 10 am, 7 pm
Tuesday, March 22, 10 am
Thursday, March 24, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 8

Planning Commission

 Monday, March 14, 7 pm, LIVE
replays:

Tuesday, March 15, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, March 17, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 15

 Monday, March 28, 7 pm, LIVE
replays:

Tuesday, March 29, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, March 31, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online March 29

Cityscreen-12 on DVD, Blu-Ray

Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD. Information: 703-385-7850; WeCare@fairfaxva.gov.

Copies of some programs are available for purchase on DVD for \$15 and on Blu-ray for \$20. Information: Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7803.

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



PROPOSED AGENDAS

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

March 1 work session

- City of Fairfax department head presentations on the City of Fairfax proposed operating budget and CIP for fiscal year 2016-17.

March 8 regular meeting

- Public hearing on the City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-17.
- Consideration of the maximum real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2016-17 to be advertised. *(This sets the maximum real estate tax rate that can be adopted as part of the fiscal year 2016-17 budget. This action does not set the actual real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2016-17.)*
- Consideration to authorize for city

manager to sign the one-year Capital funding agreement with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

- Consideration of an award of contract for multimodal transportation plan.
- Consideration of an award of contract for Old Lee Highway roadway engineering services.
- Consideration of the Little League Opening Day Parade and road closure.

March 22 regular meeting

- Public hearing on the City of Fairfax proposed operating budget and CIP for fiscal year 2016-17.
- Public hearing on a request for renewal of a special use permit to allow an in-home daycare at 10917 Marilta Court.

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

March 7 regular meeting

- State of the School Report: Lanier Middle School.

March 28 work session

- Review student panel questions.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

March 14 regular meeting and work session

- No agenda items have been set.

March 28 regular meeting and work session

- No agenda items have been set.



News You Can Use

Stay Informed, Active Regarding City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

The public is invited to attend all City Council meetings and work sessions.

Agendas, along with staff reports on agenda items, are posted on the city website (on the home page, click on "City Meetings"). To request agendas by mail, call 703-385-7935.

The public may address the City Council during their meetings; work sessions do not include public commentary.

With few exceptions, meetings and work sessions begin at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Annex. Most are televised on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station (which can be viewed on the city website and on Verizon and Cox Communication cable television systems; see page 5).

Sign up for Fairfax City Alerts for City Council meeting and work session information via text, e-mail and mobile app: www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.

Developers Schedule Meeting March 10 to Update Public Regarding PVI Property

The Diocese of Arlington has announced the relocation of Paul VI High School (PVI), 10675 Fairfax Boulevard, to Loudoun County within four years, and has selected The IDI Group Companies to prepare a plan for the potential redevelopment of the property.

The IDI Group Companies will conduct a meeting at 7 p.m. March 10 at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street. This meeting will allow IDI Group Companies to update the community after February's public input open house. Information: 703-827-0800, www.idigroup.com.

Refuse Reminder: Contractors Must Dispose of Their Own Debris

City resident who enjoy curbside collection of refuse and recycling by the city's Operations Division must remember that the city disposes only of resident-generated

refuse and yard waste.

Do-it-yourself home improvements are defined as those accomplished by occupants of the home. This includes yard care, home renovation and any work conducted on the residence's buildings or property.

Non-occupants of the home who provide assistance are considered contractors and the debris from those projects will not be picked up. Occupants are responsible for the disposal of contractor-generated debris, or contractors must dispose of their debris. This includes debris as a result of winter weather.

Please note: curbside debris cannot be a safety hazard within city right-of-way. Information: RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7837.

Tax Preparation Assistance Available

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides qualified city residents

with free assistance through April 8 preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns in City Hall. Appointments required: 703-385-7880.

AARP TaxAide (888-AARP-NOW) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA, 703-531-6290) offer free federal tax return assistance to low- and moderate-income persons of any age from March through mid-April at multiple drop-in locations.

Other IRS resources include Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE, 800-906-9887) for free tax help for people age 60 and older, and the Armed Forces Tax Council (800-829-3676) that offers free tax help for military personnel.

Pothole Hotline is Live

To report a pothole on City of Fairfax public roads, please visit the city website and "Contact Us," e-mail WeCare@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7810. Repairs will be completed as weather and materials permit.



City Council Reporter

Summary of City Council meeting actions.
For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings, call 703-385-7935.

February 9, 2016

Consent agenda

- *Approved, unanimously: consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an Amendment to the City/University – CUE Bus Contract Service Agreement for fiscal year 2015-16 with George Mason University; Consideration of a task order in the amount of \$69,807.62 to Timmons Group to perform stormwater best management practices (BMP) inspections on privately owned facilities.*

(Councilmember Miller was absent.)

Public hearings

- *Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the initiation of "quick-take" condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of a permanent waterline easement at 10334-10412 Fairfax Boulevard. (Councilmember Miller was absent.)*
- *Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 98, Article I to add a new section pertaining to the use of a protective helmet while operating a bicycle.*

Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1000</p>		1 Presidential Primary Elections — polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm Business Recycling Reports due  City Council work session and budget outreach meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	2 Voter registration opens CANCELLED: Board of Architectural Review meeting Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	3	4 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	5
6	7 Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	8  City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	9 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim	10 Fairfax Art League Art and Lunch, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax Art League reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall	11 Parade and vendor applications due for Independence Day Celebration events Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Woodbridge Flute Choir: A Touch of Irish, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	12 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: An Enchanted Evening, 8 pm, Center for the Arts
13 Second Sunday Series: The Saga of Martha Washington's Will, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	14  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	15 Emergency Preparedness Forum, 7 pm, Green Acres Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	16 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	17 Vendor applications due for Derby-Q, Fall Festival, Holiday Craft Show Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall	18 Transit Driver Appreciation Day Sherwood Cinema Series: Minions, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (donations accepted by Our Daily Bread) Under the Stars Egg Quest, 7 pm, Providence Park Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3	19 SafeAssured ID program, 10 am to 2 pm, Fairfax Police Station (Reservations required: 703-273-2889) Mark Tooley: The Peace that Almost Was, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim City of Fairfax Band: Music at the Box Office, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School
20	21 Spring Break Camps offered through March 25 (Registration required: 703-385-7858) Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Visiting Writer's Series: Porochista Khakpour, 7:30 pm, GMU Johnson Center	22  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Visiting Writer's Series: Leslie Jamison, 7:30 pm, Center for the Arts	23	24	25 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	26 Combined Properties Egg Hunt, 10 am, Van Dyck Park
27 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed in observance of Easter	28  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	29	30	31	HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS City Government Information 703-385-7855 City Newsline 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 George Mason University Events 703-993-1000 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.	



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City Happenings

Civil War Sketches at Blenheim Through April 30

Get a view of the American Civil War from the perspective of a sketch artist at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

The Civil War Journey: Maps and Sketches of Pvt. Robert Sneden shows eyewitness accounts and images from the memoir of Union soldier Robert Knox Sneden (1832–1918). The exhibit, which will be on display through April 30, showcases 45 of Sneden's watercolor maps and drawings from the Virginia Historical Society's collection. *Information:* 703-591-0560.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues March 18

Catch *Minions* for free March 18 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m. and participants may bring their own snacks. From 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread accepts non-perishable food items. A list of suggested

items is available on the city website. *Information:* 703-385-7858.

Performance Series Continues

Enjoy the Woodbridge Flute Choir at 8 p.m. March 11 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. *Information:* 703-352-ARTS.

History Talks Offered March 13, 19

Learn about *The Saga of Martha Washington's Will* from Katrina Krempasky of the Fairfax County Circuit Court Historic Records at 2 p.m. March 13 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. *Information:* 703-385-8414.

Find out about *The Peace that Almost Was* — the bipartisan, last-ditch effort to prevent the American Civil War — at a book talk and signing with Mark Tooley, at 2 p.m. March 19 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. *Information:* 703-591-0560.

Senior Center Holds Appraisal Event March 19

Receive verbal appraisals from a certified appraiser on items such as jewelry, clocks, coins and more at the Young at Heart Appraisal Event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 19 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center. Cost is \$5 for admission and one appraisal; additional appraisals are \$5 each (limit three). Proceeds benefit Young at Heart Senior Center. *Information:* 703-273-6090.

Vendor Applications Accepted for Special Events

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for:

- Food vendors for Derby-Q May 7;
- Parade and food vendors at the Independence Day festivities July 4;
- Craft and food vendors at the Fall Festival October 8; and
- Craft and food vendors at the Holiday Craft Show November 19-20.

Applications are available on the city's website. *Information:* 703-385-7858.